THE SPEECH OF Hadgi Giafer Aga EMBASSADOR FROM THE Divan of Algier TO HIS MOST Chriſtian MAJESTY AT VERSAILES.

Together with the FRENCH KINGS Anſwer to the ſaid EMBASSADOR.

July the 4th. S. N.

HADGI GIAFER AGA Embaſſador from the *Divan* of *Algier* had his Audience of the moſt Chriſtian King, being conducted thereto by the Sieur *Bonneuil Introducer* of Embaſſadors, with the Coaches of the King and Madam the *Dauphineſs*; He was brought from the Hall of Embaſſadors to the Apartment of *Monſieur Colbert de Croiſſy*, Miniſter and Secretary of *State*, then to that of the Marquis *de Seignelai* Secretary of *State*, then to that of the Count *Tholoſe* Admiral of *France*, and afterwards to that of the King where the whole Court was Aſſembled, where he made to his *Majeſty* the following Speech in the Name of the City of *Algier*,

MOST *High, moſt* Excellent, *moſt Potent, moſt Magnanimous and moſt Invincible Prince* Lewis *the* XIV. *Emperor of the* French; *May God perpetuate thy* Reign *and thy* Proſperity; I *come to the Foot of thy ſublime, Imperial Throne, to expreſs the* Joy *of our* Republick, *and of the* Dey *my Maſter; for having concluded a* Peace *with thy* Lieutenants, *and their ardent Deſire, That it would pleaſe Thy High Majeſty to put to it the* laſt Seal *of Thy Conſent; the* Force *of thy moſt* Puiſſant Arms, *and the* brightneſs *of Thy ever-Conquering Sword, hath made them know how great the Fault of* Baba Haſſan *was, in preſuming to declare* War *againſt Thy Subjects; and I am Deputed to ask Thee Pardon for it, and to Proteſt to Thee, That we will for the future have no other Deſign than to merit by our Conduct the* Friendſhip *of the greateſt* Emperor *that is, or ever hath been, of the* Faith of Jeſus, *and the only one which we dread; we might fear, That the*

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Detestable Out-rage *committed upon the* Person *of Thy* Consul, *should be an Obstacle to the* Peace; *if Thy Soul, the Eyes whereof, like the Sun, penetrate all things, did not fully apprehend, what a Rabble is capable of, when enraged, at the beholding their* Fellow-Citizens *dasht in pieces by* Bombs, *amongst whom were their Fathers, their Brothers and their Children; and seeing themselves rob'd of their Slaves, the most valuable Part of their Riches; besides all which to add to their Misfortune, the Liberty of their Country-men, by way of Exchange, which they yet justly hoped for, was refused them; But whatsoever Influence this Violence may have upon Thee, I come to pray Thee for ever to turn away Thy Sacred Eyes from beholding an Action, which all the Honest Men amongst us, especially the Governours, abhorr'd; so that it would not be reasonable to impute it to them.*

We hope, Oh Great Emperor! *who art as* Puissant *as* Gemchid, *as rich as* Caroun, *as magnificent as* Solomon, *and as generous as* Hatemtai, *That we shall obtain this* Favour *from Thy* Goodness, *and the High Opinion which we have of Thy incomparable Generosity, causes us to make no doubt, but Thou wilt give Liberty to all those of our Brethren, who are detained in Thy Fetters, as we give full Liberty to all those of Thy Subjects, who are in our hands, and even to all those who are honoured by the shadow of thy Name, to the end, that the* Joy *of this Country may be equal and universal. And in this what do we ask, but to set open a greater number of Mouths to Thy Praise, and that at the same time, when Thy Subjects being returned to their own Country, shall bless thee, lying prostrate before thy Feet, ours also may spread themselves through the vast Country of* Africa, *and there Publish thy Magnificence, and plant a profound Veneration for Thy incomparable Vertues in the Hearts of their Children? This will lay the Foundation of an eternal Peace which we will keep on our part by the exact and Religious Observation of all the conditions upon which it is grounded, not in the least doubting, but that by reason of the perfect Obedience, which thou causest to be rendred to Thee, Thy Subjects will take the same Care to Preserve it also: May the Almighty and most Merciful Creator vouchsafe to give his* Blessing *to it, and to keep a perpetual Union between the most High, most Excellent, most* Puissant, *most Magnanimous and most Invincible* Emperor *of the* French; *and the Illustrious and Magnificent* Dey, Pacha, Divan, *and victorious Army of the* Republick *of the* Algerines. *By his most humble Servant* Hadgi Giafer Aga, *Embassador of* Algier, *wishing the* Prosperity *of his Majesty.*

After this he presented to the King his Credential Letter which was in a bag Embroidered with Gold, and he complemented his Majesty upon the occasion of the taking of *Luxemburgh.*

Then the King told him, that he granted to the *Divan* of *Algier* the pardon which it had asked, that he approved of the Treaty concluded with the *Chevalier Tourvile*; that he hoped the *Algerines* would do all that was necessary on their part for the keeping of the peace; and that he would command his Subjects to disturb them no more.

Afterwards the Embassador was magnificently treated by his *Majesties* Officers, and brought back with the same Ceremonies to *Paris*, being every where accompanied by the *Sieur de Bussieur* Gentleman in Ordinary of the Kings House.

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